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GENERAL HEADING - British West Africa

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SUB-HEAD - . Promotion & rewards for men of Madras Sappers & Miners

D. from India, No. 25 p. 1 dated 28 Feb 1901.	Promotion of certain men of Madras S & M & pay while supernumerary in rank or corps.
D. to India, No. 49. p. 19 dated 10 May 1901.	Colonial Office approve. Claims for addl expenditure to be submitted
D. from India, No. 126 p. 1. dated 15 Aug 1901.	Infn re amount of additional expenditure
D. to India, No. 136 p. 18 dated 22 Nov 1901.	The amount of addl expenditure will be borne by Northern Nigeria funds.
D. to India, No. 142 p. 17 dated 29 Nov 1901.	The sum of £8.11.10 on account of addl expenditure has been credited to India office by Crown agents for the Colonies.
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Referred to Acct. Genl's Dept. The 7th Nov. 1901.

For the necessary receivable order.

[signature]

18-22 Nov.

The sum of £ 8: 11: 10 was placed to the credit of the Secretary of State at the Bank of England on the 11th instant in accordance with a Receivable Order forwarded to the Crown Agents for the Colonies on the 8th instant.

[signature]

12th November 1901

A.J.P.

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9868. I. 640. 1500.—4/1901.

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EXTRACT

MILITARY DESPATCH TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

No. 142 para. 17

Dated 29 Nov 1901.

17. The sum of 8*l*. 11*s*. 10*d*., on account of the additional expenditure involved in the grant of promotions and rewards to men of the Madras Sappers and Miners lately serving in West Africa, has been placed to the credit of this Office at the Bank of England by the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

[*In continuation of paragraph* 18 *of my Military Despatch No.* 136, *dated* 22*nd November* 1901.]

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MILITARY DESPATCH TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

No. 136 para. 18.

Dated 22 Nov 1901.

18. I forward herewith, copy of a letter* from the Colonial Office, from which you will observe that the additional expenditure involved in the promotions and rewards to certain men of the Madras Sappers and Miners will be borne by Northern Nigeria Funds.

[*In reply to paragraph* 1 *of your Military Despatch No.* 126, *dated* 15*th August* 1901.]

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* Dated 29th October 1901.

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DOWNING STREET, LONDON.

5th November 1901

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Sir,

We have been authorised by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to pay to the India Office the sum of £8. 11. 10, Rs.128. 13. 11 @ 1/4 in connection with the grant of promotions and rewards to certain of the Madras Sappers and Miners who served in the West African Frontier Force in Northern Nigeria. I have therefore to ask that you will send to us a Receivable Order to enable us to pay the amount.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

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The Under Secretary of State

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Reference Paper. Military Department.

Referred to Financial Dept. The 30th Oct. 1901.

For information.

J Edmond

Noted -

Z. Abraham.

31st October 1901

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Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

and the following Number quoted. 31262/1901.

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Downing Street,
29 October, 1901.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 5th of September M.10314, I am directed by Mr Secretary Chamberlain to state, for the information of Lord George Hamilton, that the Crown Agents for the Colonies have been authorized to pay to your Department from Northern Nigeria funds the sum of 128 R.13a.11P. in connection with the grant of promotions and rewards to certain of the Queen's Own Madras Sappers and Miners who served in the West African Frontier Force in the Protectorate.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

R. L. Antrobus

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Addressed to the Under Sec. of State
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Noted for

No 126 of 13th Aug. (Y
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INDIA OFFICE,

5 SEP. 1901

With reference to the letter from this Office of the 23rd April last. M4522.

I am directed to ~~acknowledge the receipt of your letter of~~ forward herewith, for the information ~~and to acquaint you in reply that~~ of Mr. Secretary Chamberlain, extract of a despatch from the Govt. of India with enclosure showing the amount of additional expenditure involved in the grant of promotions and rewards to men of the Madras Sappers and Miners lately serving in ~~South~~ West Africa.

(SD) F. Whitmore Smith. F.W.S. 4/9/01

Asst. Military Secretary.

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Mr Smith

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M 10314 1901

EXTRACT PARA. 1 OF A DESPATCH FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, NO. 126, DATED 15TH AUGUST 1901.

1. We forward herewith copy of a letter from the Controller of Military Accounts, Madras Command, and enclosure, showing the amount of the additional expenditure involved in the promotions and rewards to certain men of the Madras Sappers and Miners lately serving in the West African Protectorate, and the cost of the pay of the men while supernumerary in their corps or rank. [*In reply to paragraph 19 of military despatch No. 49, dated India Office, the 10th May 1901 (M-4522).*]

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We have the honour to be,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble Servants,

(Signed) CURZON.
„ A. P. PALMER.
„ C. M. RIVAZ.
„ T. RALEIGH.
„ E. FG. LAW.
„ E. R. ELLES.
„ A. T. ARUNDEL.

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Extract para. 1 of a Military Despatch to His Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No. 126, dated the 15th August 1901.

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1. Amount of the additional expenditure involved on account of the pay, &c., of the men of the Madras Sappers and Miners lately serving in the West African Protectorate.

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Enclosure to para. 1 of General despatch No. 126, dated the 15th August 1901.

Enclosure No. 1.

From LIEUTENANT-COLONEL W. J. B. BIRD, Controller of Military Accounts, Madras Command, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department,—(No. 369-G, *Appointments,*" dated Fort St. George, the 16th July 1901).

As requested in Military Department No. 1715-A, dated 19th June 1901, I have the honour to forward the accompanying statement showing the amount debitable to the West African Protectorate on account of pay, etc., of the men of the "Queen's Own" Madras Sappers and Miners who served in that protectorate and who are either supernumerary in their rank or have been specially promoted for service in that country.

2. Of the 17 men (1 havildar, 1 naick and 15 sappers) who were serving in Africa, one sapper died in London and only 16 non-commissioned officers and men rejoined the corps at Bangalore. The fourteen sappers were immediately absorbed in existing vacancies and the havildar and naick remained supernumerary in their ranks until vacancies occurred later on.

3. The extra cost is therefore in respect of these two non-commissioned officers and the two sappers specially promoted to the rank of naick, as will be seen from the attached statement.

4. Of the three sappers for whom extra pension service is recommended, one is dead and the other two are still serving. As the concession would benefit the men only when they become non-effective, it is not possible at present to say whether the recommendation on their behalf will result in extra expenditure and if so to what extent.

Statement showing the amounts debitable to the West African Protectorate on account of the men of the sappers and miners lent for service to that protectorate.

Regimental No.	Rank.	Name.	Particulars of charge.	Rate per mensem on account of difference of pay, etc.	Amount.	Periods for which debitable.	Remarks.
				Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		
1133	Havildar ...	Munisami ...	Pay	7 0 0	22 2 1	21st December 1900 to 25th March 1901.	Promoted color-havildar in a vacancy, but supernumerary as havildar from 21st December 1900 to 25th March 1901.
			Batta	3 8 0	4 4 7	21st December 1900 to 27th January 1901.	Granted furlough from 28th January to 27th March 1901, during which period batta is not admissible.
			New year's Day batta...	0 1 10	0 1 10	1st January 1901 ...	Difference of New Year's Day batta.
1003	Naick ...	Munisami ...	Pay	5 0 0	0 5 2	21st to 22nd December 1900 ...	Supernumerary as naick from 21st to 22nd December 1900 and as havildar from 23rd December 1900 to 30th March 1901.
			Pay	7 0 0	22 12 11	23rd December 1900 to 30th March 1901.	
			Batta	3 8 0	4 4 7	21st December 1900 to 27th January 1901.	Difference of batta (granted furlough from 28th January to 27th April 1901).
			New year's Day batta...	0 1 10	0 1 10	1st January 1901 ...	Difference of New Year's Day batta.
1516	Lance-Naick ...	Pazhaniyandi ...	Pay	5 0 0	24 13 5	23rd December 1900 to 21st May 1901	Supernumerary as naick for this period.
			Batta ...	3 8 0	6 12 4	23rd December 1900 to 27th January 1901 ; 28th April to 21st May 1901.	Difference of batta (furlough from 28th January to 27th April 1901).
			New year's Day batta...	0 1 10	0 1 10	1st January 1901 ...	Difference of New Year's Day batta.
1991	Sapper ...	Rajendram ...	Pay	5 0 0	31 7 3	23rd December 1900 to 30th June 1901.	Supernumerary as naick up to date.
			Batta ...	3 8 0	11 6 5	23rd December 1900 to 27th January 1901 ; 28th April to 30th June 1901.	Difference of batta (furlough from 28th January to 27th April 1901.
			New year's Day batta...	0 1 10	0 3 8	1st January and 24th May 1901 ...	Difference of New year's and Birth day batta.
			Total ...	...	128 13 11		

N.B.—As Naick Rajendram is still supernumerary in his rank the amount debitable on his account monthly is Rs. 5 on account of pay and Rs. 3-8-0 on account of batta and this will continue until such time as a vacancy in the rank of Naick occurs in the corps of Sappers and Miners.

(Sd.) W. J. B. BIRD, *Lieutenant-Colonel,*

Controller of Military Accounts.

Extract from the list of enclosures of Miscellaneous Despatch to His Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No. 126, dated the 15th August 1901.

(Enclosure to para. 1.)

Serial No.	Number and date of paper.	From whom or to whom.	Subject.
1	No. G-369, dated 16th July 1901.	From Controller of Military Accounts, Madras Command.	Additional expenditure debitable to the West African Protectorate on account of pay, etc., of the men of the Madras Sappers and Miners lately serving in that Protectorate.

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EXTRACT

MILITARY DESPATCH TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

No. 49 para. 19

Dated 10 May 1901.

M 4522.

† Dated 19th April 1901.

19. I forward herewith copy of a letter† in which the approval of the Secretary of State for the Colonies is given to the proposals of your Government as to promotions and rewards to certain men of the Madras Sappers and Miners, and the cost of their pay while supernumerary.

Your Government will necessarily submit claims for the amount of the additional expenditure in due course.

[*In reply to paragraph* 1 *of your Military Despatch No.* 25, *dated* 28*th February* 1901.]

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Addressed to the Under Sec. of State

Colonial Office

Reminder in *weeks.*

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INDIA OFFICE,

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I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of

the 19th April, No. 10421/1901,

and to acquaint you in reply that the necessary in-

structions will be given to the Govt. of India.

(SD) E. STEDMAN.
Major General,
Military Secretary.

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F.W.T. 22/4/01

Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

and the following Number quoted. 10421/1901.

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386/11 pp. 3147

M
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Downing Street
19 April, 1901.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Chamberlain to acknowledge the receipt of your letter M.3147 of the 21st of March and to state, for the information of Lord George Hamilton, that he approves of the proposals of the Government of India respecting promotions and rewards to certain men of the Madras Sappers and Miners lately serving in West Africa, and the cost of the pay of the men while supernumerary in their Corps or rank, as set out in the enclosure to your letter.

2. It is presumed that a claim for the amount of the additional expenditure involved by these proposals will, in due course, be presented to this Office.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R. L. Antrobus

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DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

Addressed to the Under Sec. of State
Colonial Office

Reminder in *weeks.*

Noted for

No. 25 of 28 Feb. 1901,
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INDIA OFFICE,

21 MAR. 1901

I am directed, ~~to acknowledge the receipt of~~ with reference to your letter of the 4th July 1900, No. 19953/1900, to forward ~~and to acquaint you in reply that~~ for the consideration of Mr Secretary Chamberlain, herewith, an extract of a despatch from the Govt. of India regarding promotions and rewards to certain men of the Madras Sappers and Miners lately serving in West Africa and the cost of the pay of the men while supernumerary in their Corps or rank; and to state that Lord

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F.W.J.
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Lord George Hamilton would be glad
of Mr. Secretary Chamberlain's approval
to the proposals of the Govt. of India.

(Sd) E. STEDMAN.
Major General,
Military Secretary.

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Extract para. 1 of a despatch from the Government of India, No. 25, dated the 28th February 1901.

1. The Commander-in-Chief recommends that the four non-commissioned officers of the detachment of the "Queen's Own" Madras Sappers and Miners now serving with the West African Force, may respectively be promoted to their next higher ranks with effect from the date the men rejoin their corps at Bangalore; also that the three sappers whose services have been specially brought to notice by the Officer Commanding the West African Frontier Force, but who are not fit for promotion on account of their age, should reckon two years as qualifying service for pension for every year they served in West Africa, in accordance with paragraph 1149 of the Royal Warrant. We support His Excellency's proposals, and consider that the whole cost for such period as the men are in excess of the established strength of the corps should be borne by the local Administration. Should however the men be within that strength, but in excess of the number of non-commissioned officers in the rank to which they belong, the difference between the pay of private and that of their supernumerary rank only, should be debited to the Administration. The contributions on account of the ordinary pensions of the three sappers should also be calculated on the double period. [*In continuation of our military despatch No. 109, dated the 14th July 1898.*]

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We have the honour to be,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble Servants,

(Signed) CURZON.

" EDWIN H. H. COLLEN.

" A. C. TREVOR.

" C. M. RIVAZ.

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Extract para. 1 of a despatch from the Government of India, No. 25, dated the 28th February 1901.

1. Recommendation for the promotion to their next respective higher ranks of the four non-commissioned officers of the detachment of the "Queen's Own" Madras Sappers and Miners now serving with the West African Force.

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Enclosure to paragraph 1 of General despatch No. 25, dated the 28th February 1901.

Enclosure No. 1.

No. 15544-N. T., dated Ootacamund. 22nd November 1900.

From—The Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras,
To—The Secretary to the Government of India, MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Submitted under instructions from Army Head-Quarters for favourable consideration, with reference to Military Department endorsement No. 2545-B, dated 24th August 1900.

2. I concur in the remarks of the General Officer Commanding Bangalore District.

3. The proposals herein made have been approved by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in India.

No. 101-C, dated Bangalore, 10th October 1900.

From—MAJOR B. B. RUSSELL, R.E., Officiating Commandant, "Queen's Own" Madras Sappers and Miners,
To—The Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command.

With reference to the Commandant, West African Frontier Force's No. 34, dated 30th April 1900, forwarded under Your No. 12481-N. T., dated 18th September 1900, I have the honour to submit the following proposals for favour of sanction by the Commander-in-Chief with a view to giving effect to Colonel Willcock's recommendations:—

(*i*) No. 1133, Havildar Munisami to be Color-Havildar.

(*ii*) No. 1003, Naick (local Lance-Havildar in Nigeria) Munisami to be Havildar.

(*iii*) No. 1991, Sapper (local Lance-Naick in Nigeria) Rajendram to be Naick.

(*iv*) No. 1516, Sapper (local Lance-Naick in Nigeria) Pazhaniyandi to be Naick.

The above promotions to take effect from the date of the men rejoining the corps at Bangalore, and these non-commissioned officers to be borne on the strength of their respective ranks as supernumeraries till absorbed by vacancies occurring.

2. The effect of the above recommendations financially would be as follows:—

Under Adjutant-General in India's No. A. N. T.—10561, dated 20th June 1898, sanction was given to second the 20 men of this detachment accordingly

1 Havildar,
2 Naicks,
17 Sappers,

were seconded, and their places filled up in the corps. Owing to casualties only

1 Havildar,
1 Naick,
15 Sappers

will return, and will be borne as supernumeraries till absorbed. If these recommendations be approved of—

1 Color-Havildar,
1 Havildar,
2 Naicks,
13 Sappers

will be supernumerary till absorbed, the difference of pay according to ranks as above will presumably be debitable to the Colonial Office.

3. As regards the three sappers—

No. 1150, Sapper Subbarayan,
No. 1444 „ Kuppaya,
No. 1646 „ Ponnan,

whose services have been specially brought to notice; owing to their age and for other reasons, it being undesirable to reward them with promotion, it is proposed for favour of sanction as a very special case that these men may be allowed the "superior" rate of pension of Rs. 7 a month instead of the "ordinary" rate of pension at Rs. 4 a month on the completion of 21 years' service, or before if invalided by a medical board, owing to disease certified by the board to have been contracted owing to their service in Nigeria.

Their length of service at the present date is as under:—

No. 1150, Sapper	Subbarayan	...	...	...	$17\frac{5}{12}$ years.
No. 1444 „	Kuppaya	...	...	...	$14\frac{6}{12}$ „
No. 1646 „	Ponnan	...	...	...	$12\frac{7}{12}$ „

Memorandum No. A. C.-215, dated Bangalore, 12th October 1900.

From—Brigadier-General H. B. MacCall, C. B., Commanding Bangalore District,
To—The Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command.

Forwarded.

2. The contemplated promotions appear to be suitable rewards.

3. With respect to the three sappers mentioned by Colonel Willcocks, I do not consider the proposition regarding superior rate of pension commends itself.

4. I might perhaps suggest that every year that detachment served with the force should reckon double as qualifying service for pension, as is the case with European soldiers serving on the West Coast of Africa,—*vide* Royal Warrant, paragraph 1149.

Extract from the list of enclosures of Miscellaneous despatch to His Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No. 25, dated the 28th February 1901.

Enclosure to para. 1.

Serial No.	Number and date of paper.	From whom or to whom.	Subject.
		Enclosure to para. 1.	
1	No. 15544-N.T., dated 22nd November 1900, and enclosures.	From Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras.	Proposed promotions in the detachment of the "Queen's Own" Madras Sappers and Miners serving with the West African Force, and absorption of supernumeraries on the return of the detachment.

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